

AROUND THE CIRCLE.

NOTES FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

Flora Vista's Ready Correspondent Gives a Neat Resume of that District—Personals, etc.

Flora Vista.

Special Correspondence.

FLORA VISTA, Jan. 7.—Another year with its joys and sorrows, its storms and calms, has gone. The new year stands ready to take its place, and as we look over the months that are past, the question arises, Have we improved those days now gone forever, or have we let the hours glide away without having accomplished some good.

Shakespeare said, All the world's a great stage and all the people are the actors. Some of us at Flora Vista have played our parts over many times during the year past, and now before the curtain drops let us look over and see what we have accomplished in and around Flora Vista, during the year 1895.

Flora Vista is situated in the most beautiful and fertile part of this magnificent Animas valley 13 miles from Farmington and 5 miles from Aztec.

We can boast of having the largest apple orchards and the pear orchards and more German and French prune trees than any other part of the San Juan county; also we are in the widest part of the Animas valley; therefore we have more land under ditch and in cultivation than any other part of the county. We have as good school and church privileges as any part of New Mexico. Our politics are for statehood, free silver, free religion and free speech—provided you are not afraid of the other fellow.

Now as to what we have done at and in the vicinity of Flora Vista during the year of 1895. Let us go into details. Beginning at F. H. Tully's, Mr. Tully has 320 acres of land, most of which is under ditch. He has 20 acres of orchard, about 40 of alfalfa. During the year Mr. Tully has built a new and magnificent residence and made other valuable improvements on his ranch.

N. L. Hayden has 90 acres of land, all under ditch, most of which is in grass and orchard. Mr. Hayden will plant about 1000 apple and pear trees this spring.

M. L. Page has 60 acres all under ditch, has about 35 acres in alfalfa, balance in orchard. During the year Mr. Page has built a very handsome new residence.

Mrs. Moses Blacett has a beautiful ranch, about 40 acres to alfalfa and 20 acres of bearing orchard. Mrs. Blacett has built a large new frame cottage during the year.

George T. Brett 160 acres, mostly in cultivation.

E. R. Sizer has located a new place and will make the desert bloom as the rose. He is building a new frame house.

Judge C. S. Cameron has 80 acres, 50 acres under ditch. Mr. Cameron is one of our most enterprising citizens, and justly deserves the credit of demonstrating what can be accomplished in this valley. With labor and no capital he has one of the most beautiful homes in the valley, and a large orchard, with 400 pear trees.

E. C. Shelhamer has 80 acres, all under ditch. He has about 40 acres in alfalfa and 20 acres in orchard. He has made considerable improvements on his place during the year.

Col. T. F. Hickman has 80 acres, 20 acres in alfalfa. Mr. Hickman has the largest orchard in this part of the county. Mr. Hickman is an enterprising rancher and believes in Democracy, first, last and all the time.

J. A. McCoy has 35 acres all under ditch. He has a nice orchard and a beautiful home. Mr. McCoy has built a nice new house during the year.

E. N. Beach our enterprising merchant has 80 acres of land, all under ditch. He has a beautiful 10-acre orchard and 20 acres of alfalfa. Mr. Beach is somewhat mixed in his political and religious opinions, but as we

have already stated, we have free speech and free religion, he is welcome to his opinions.

J. D. Rumburg has 200 acres, 150 acres under ditch. Mr. Rumburg has 60 acres in alfalfa and 20 acres in orchard. Among the improvements that Mr. Rumburg has made during the year, was to get married. His political opinions are but slightly mixed.

Mr. Banta has 20 acres. He is a new comer and from the start he is making we would be satisfied to have a number of just such men among us. Mr. Banta bought 20 acres from Joseph Crouch for which he paid \$30 per acre. He is putting 10 acres to orchard.

Joseph Crouch has 140 acres, all under ditch. Mr. Crouch is one among the first settlers in the valley. He has 20 acres in alfalfa and 20 acres in orchard. Mr. Crouch is a Democrat in politics; in religious matters he is a free thinker.

W. R. Crouch has 40 acres of land, all under ditch. He is a good, kind neighbor, a Methodist in religion, in politics he is silent as the grave, has always been a Democrat; but at this time he is a man "even without a theory."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. A. H. McFarland attends to our physical wants.

E. N. Beach is the village blacksmith, also carries a nice line of jewelry, and will repair your watch in the neatest of style.

E. N. Shelhamer is our obliging P. M.

As we all live in peace at Flora Vista, we do not desire the presence of a lawyer among us.

J. H. and Mrs. Goodwin spend holidays at Jewett visiting in the family of Rev. Father Hamilton.

Grandpa Van Bocken is quite seriously ill. Dr. McFarland is the attending physician.

The Elledge ditch company will partly be under the control of a peccolant government during the year; from the fact that Mrs. J. H. Goodwin was elected superintendent.

Albert Caudell has rented for the year the orchard of Mrs. Moses Blacett. Mr. Caudell sold his ranch some time ago to Chas. Shepard of Durango.

Mr. Shepard will take possession on the first of February.

Mrs. Hartley across the river and just below Flora Vista sold 20 acres of her ranch the other day to Mr. Stoneberger, consideration \$400.

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